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International Appln. No. PCT/AT2004/000419)	Confirmation No.:	1863
Serial No.: 10/581,989)		
Filing Date: June 7, 2006)		
For: METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF)		
MATERIAL MINED UNDERGROUND)		
AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT)		
SAID METHOD)		

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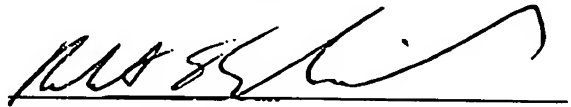
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Applicant, by its undersigned attorneys, requests that a properly corrected Filing Receipt for the above patent application be issued to Applicant. The Filing Receipt mailed on June 18, 2007 has an error. The city of residence of the inventor is listed on the Filing Receipt as "Hauergasse." This is incorrect and must be changed to "Zeltweg."

The correct information regarding the city of residence of the inventor was indicated on the original Application Data Sheet filed with this application. Copies of the Filing Receipt with the requested change noted thereon and of the original Application Data Sheet are attached to this Request.

Please mail the corrected filing receipt to the undersigned attorney of record. The Office is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title

Method for Removal of Material Mined Underground and Device for Carrying Out Said Method

Preliminary Class

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/07/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/07/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/07/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/07/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/26/2007
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Application Data Sheet**Application Information**

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Said Method
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